

Hook; grandmother, Margie Hook; aunt, Gwyn Wingard; aunt, Myra (Karl) Kinard; uncle, Norman (Virginia) Hook; cousins, Ashley Chandler and Tradd Hook.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Phillip Kirton Wingard, Sr., Nancy Carroll Fox, Bethea Hook; uncle, Phillip "Kirt" Kirton Wingard, Jr.; great-grandmothers, Gladys Kirton Wingard, Lillie Virginia Fox, and grandfather, Sam Fox.

A service in celebration of Tyler's life will be held Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church followed by interment in the church cemetery. Social distancing protocols will be observed and masks are required at both the service and graveside. The service and interment may be viewed via livestreaming on Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel's Facebook page. Memorials may be made to St. Stephen's Church and Newberry College.

The family wishes to thank all those who have offered their expressions of love, condolences, and prayers at www.caughmanlexington.com.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF BLAKE HURST

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend, Blake Hurst, on his recent retirement as president of the Missouri Farm Bureau. Blake was first elected as the 14th president of Missouri Farm Bureau on December 7, 2010. His prior service with the organization included being a district board member on the Missouri state board for eight years and serving seven years as Missouri Farm Bureau vice president. Blake, and his wife Julie, raise corn and soybeans in Northwest Missouri and they also operate a wholesale greenhouse business. They are blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Looking back on Blake's years of service, what particularly stands out is his resolve in leading the entire Missouri Farm Bureau organization in responding to and working through claims from the catastrophic tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri, on the evening of Sunday, May 22, 2011. Blake and the whole Missouri Farm Bureau organization showed great courage during that difficult time.

Founded in 1915, Missouri was the first state Farm Bureau in America, and during Blake's tenure Missouri Farm Bureau celebrated 100 years as an organization. Other accomplishments that Blake can be proud of include helping with the passage of Missouri's Freedom to Farm, the final rule defining Waters of the United States, and the passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Blake even showcased his skilled dancing maneuvers in a video supporting the USMCA.

Blake is well-respected by rural communities and agricultural leaders in the state of Missouri. Blake is also a freelance writer. His work has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, The American, Weekly Standard, Wilson's Quarterly, Reader's Digest, Today's Farmer and the Show Me magazine of Missouri Farm Bureau. Mr. Hurst has excelled at telling the story of agriculture in America, and he has ex-

celled in fighting to conserve the rural way of life. I am proud to call Blake my friend and I think it's safe to say his time at Missouri Farm Bureau will serve as a legacy for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BOB WATSON ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIM AC- QUIRING THE CARROLL COUNTY MIRROR-DEMOCRAT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the acquiring of the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat by Bob Watson on November 19, 1980. Bob's lifelong goal was to acquire and operate the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat because his father, Thomas A. Watson, and his mother, Grace, purchased the Mirror-Democrat in 1950 and ran it until 1962. The Watson family has been personally connected to the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat for 70 years.

Bob was raised in Mount Carroll, Illinois, and graduated from Mount Carroll High School in 1968. After earning a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Northern Illinois University in 1972, he spent eight years working for weekly and daily newspapers in Northwestern Illinois. Thomas Sr. and Grace Watson ran the Mirror-Democrat from 1950 until Thomas Sr. passed away in 1962. The newspaper was sold in 1963, and did not become available for purchase again until autumn of 1980, when Bob was able to acquire it. On April 1, 1990, he also purchased the Savanna Times-Journal. His wife, Paula, who is a retired grade-school teacher, and Bob are the co-publishers of the Mirror-Democrat. They are very proud of their son, Thomas R., who is a graduate of the College of Business at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and is employed by a large marketing and advertising company in Chicago. They maintain offices in downtown Mount Carroll and Savanna, publishing both weekly newspapers with a talented, veteran staff of four employees. As a former journalist, I admire their dedication to journalism and the determination they demonstrate across generations.

It is because of leaders such as Bob Watson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bob Watson for 40 years of owning the Mirror-Democrat.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Gina Marie Raimondo, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce.

SR-325

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jennifer Mulhern Granholm, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine data and analysis by the United States' and world's leading authorities on global climate trends from energy related sectors, focusing on where and how progress has been made in addressing climate change.

SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-106

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-301

2 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Stanley Regan, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 4

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on the Army response to the findings and recommendations of the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee's assessment of the Fort Hood command climate and culture.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-325

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-430